

China Sea 200 Dash report

Hi Friends.

Another race and more experience.

For Those who read my previous reports, I will add new points to my tactics.

3. Do not make mistakes (It's really annoying) 😞.

4. Exploit your opponents mistakes (It definitely increases the chance of winning) 😊

And It's actually all that I wanted to write.

OK, I'm joking, I will write a little bit more. 😊.

The race promised to be fast, just right for the weekend. The route is straight as a rope, it did not create any navigational problems.

A more accurate analysis with regard to the direction of the wind rather indicated the importance of the moment of turning after passing the directions buoys. I have marked them in Fig.1 (green dots T1 – T4).

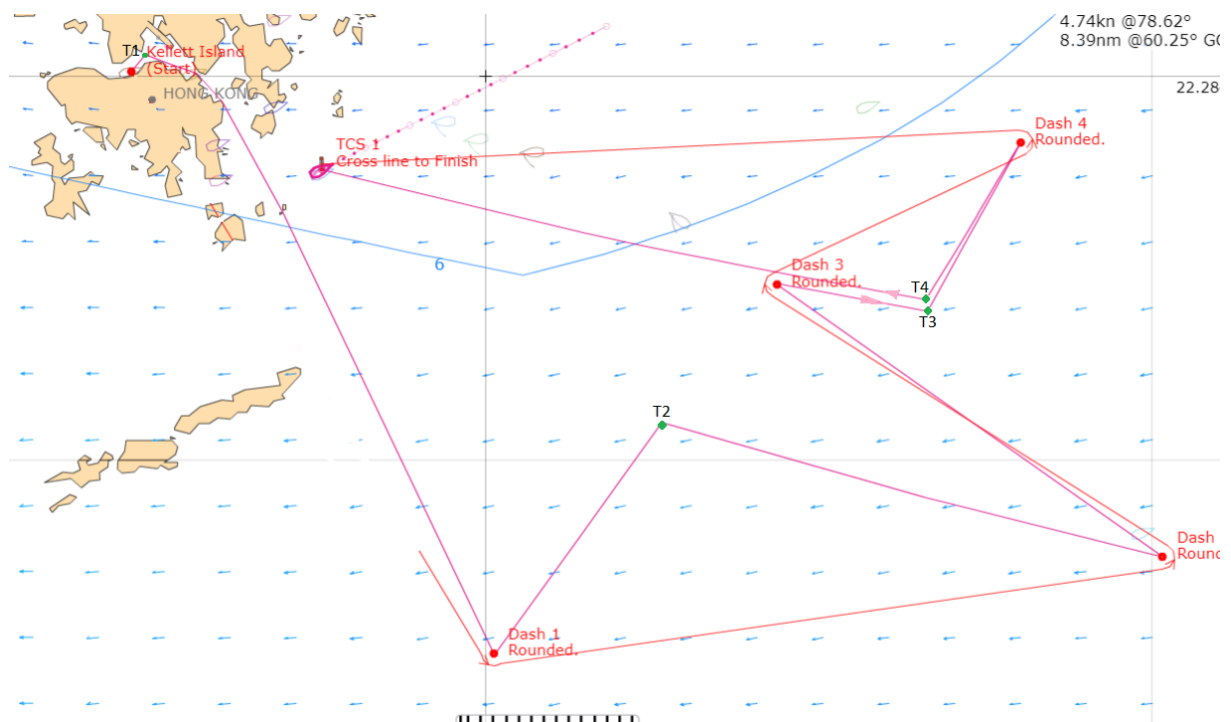


Fig.1

The start of the majority was in the same direction, at least the players from TOP10.

Here, unfortunately, I made a serious mistake. Despite the good route selection in qtVIm, my yacht made a turn too early. Everyone made a turn at point T1 and me at T1WR. It makes me very angry, but it was nonsense to come back and make two extra turns. I thought that the loss should not be so big. However, my hopes for winning have dropped to zero at this moment. Fig.2

Despite everything, I decided to continue and see what will happen.

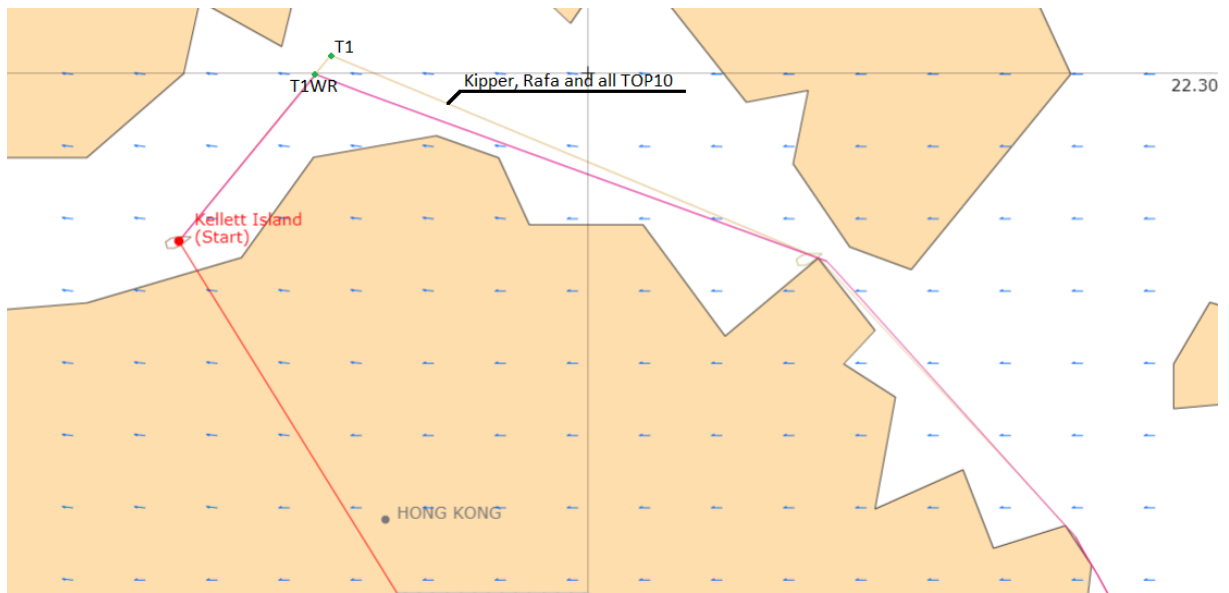


Fig.2

There was nothing special on the way to the first Dash 1 mark. Two islands (Wagland Island) were passed in various ways but this did not significantly affect the order in the race. WRmirekd, Batseba, Bimmer and Rafa between, Kipper, Wolff, Smo, Intermezzo, Mouthansar and Tyger from the west.

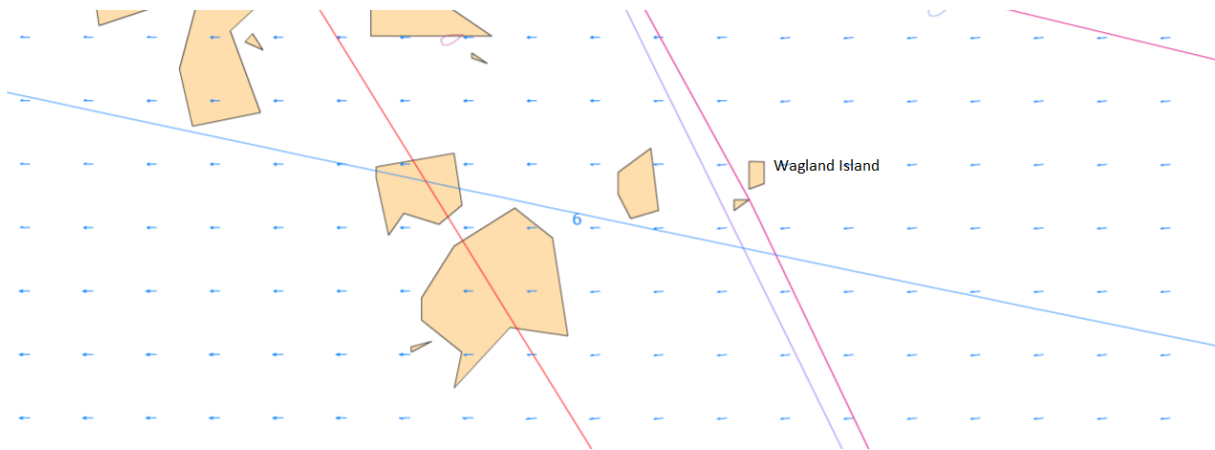


Fig.3

In fact, it would not have been possible to get through the middle, maybe using a dinghy. Fig.4 and Fig.5

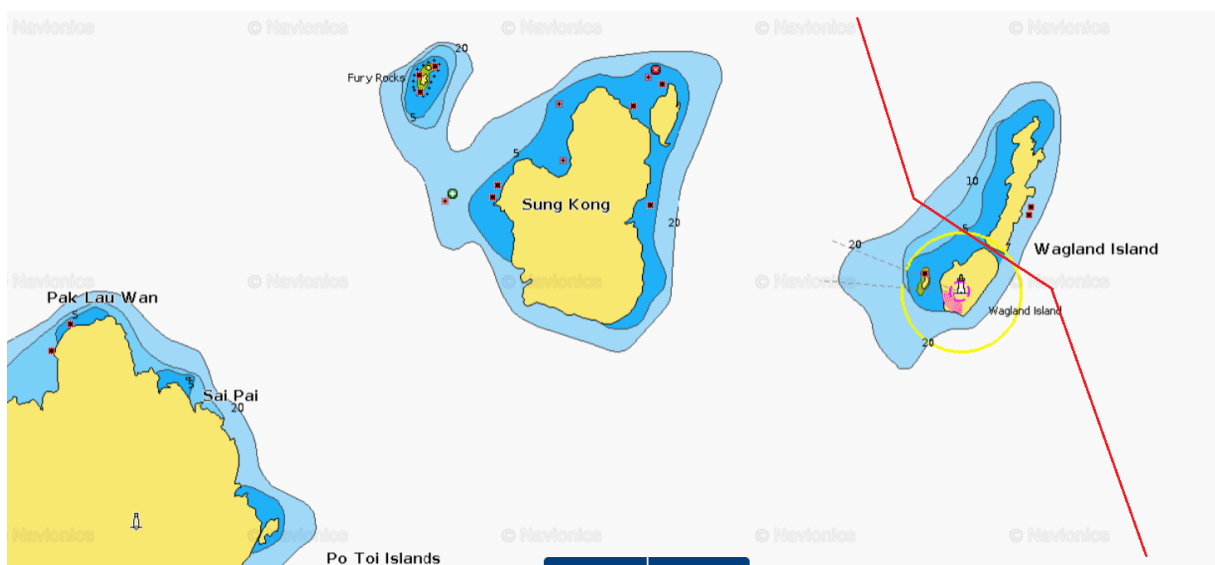


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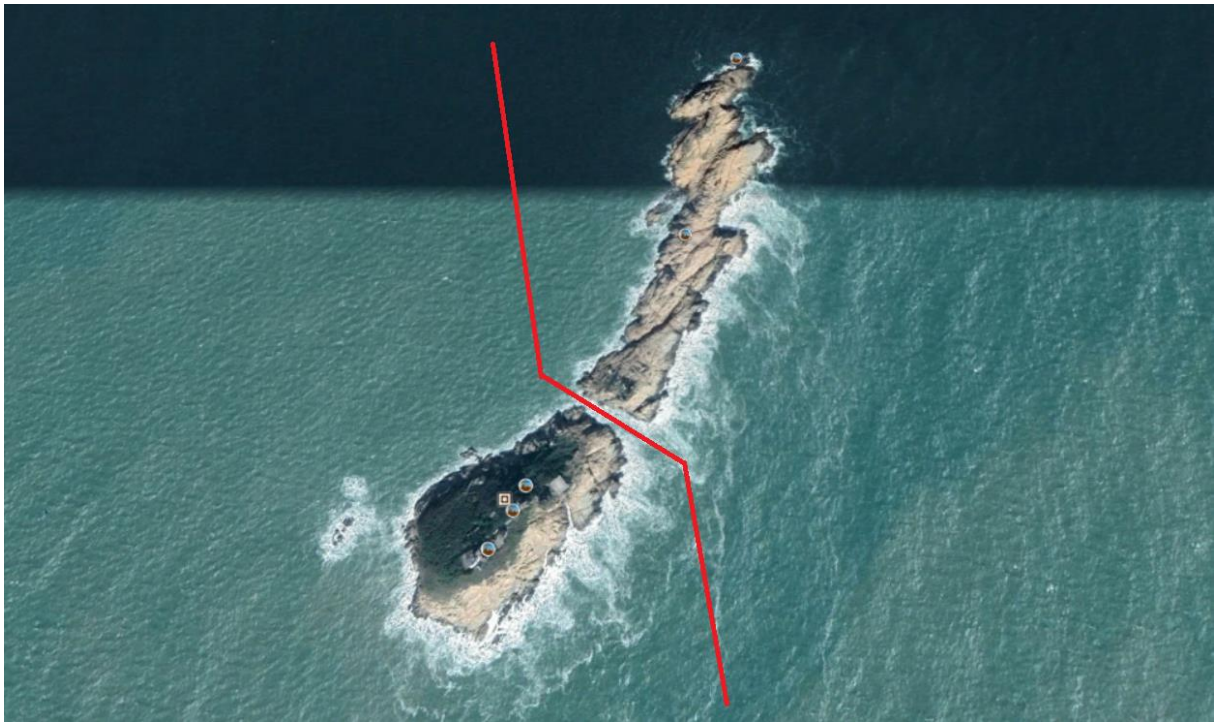


Fig.5

But virtual races have their rights 😊.

A very interesting route was made by Azur. Unfortunately, it did not give him access to Top10.

Azur, hot greetings. Fig.6

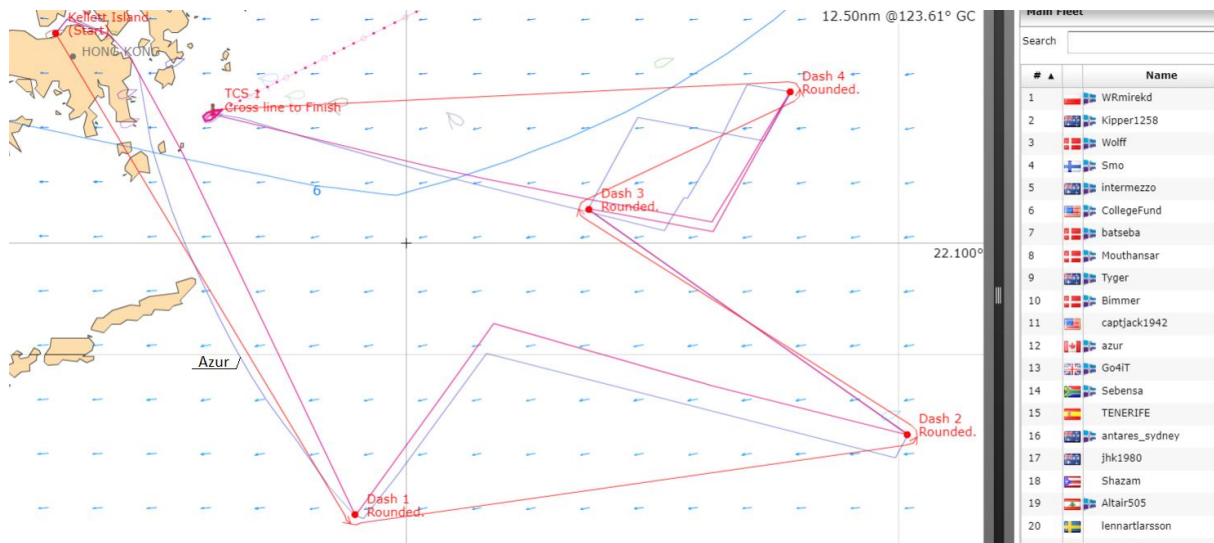


Fig.6

After turning to Dash1, most chose a similar COG. Surprises were not at all but I slowly moved to a better position. We were awaited for the new WX and to establishing the final point of turn T2 !?

Kipper and Smo made it minimal earlier. Intermezzo and Tyger just like me, but they were sailing a little different course from Dash1.

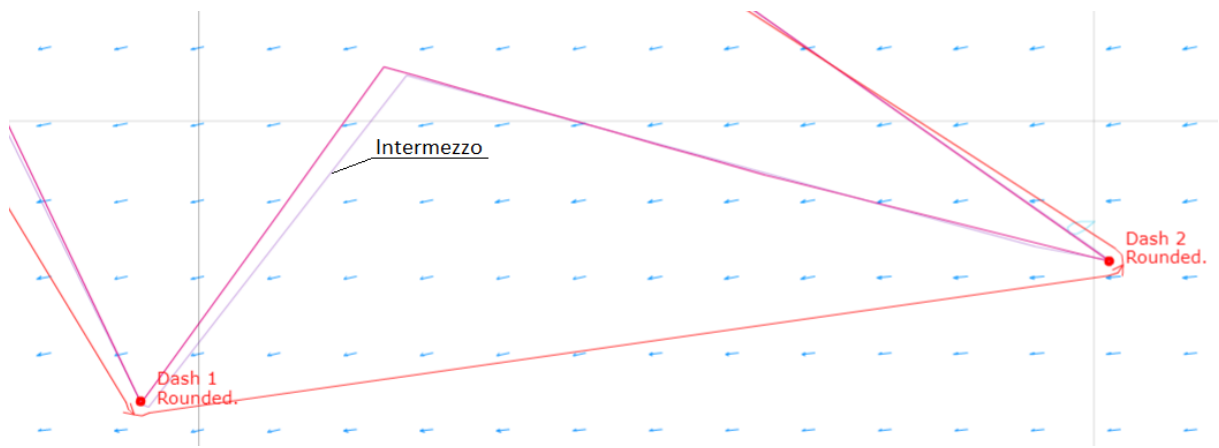


Fig.7

CollegeFound, Batseba, Mouthansar and Bimmer went further NE.

After passing Dash2, there was nothing to do. A simple course to Dash3. I can sleep a little.

Quick fixes before entering Dash3 and setting the course behind it. And most importantly, I have to set a strategic moment T3 for course change to Dash4.

Before entering Dash3 I was already, to my surprise, in the third position behind Kipper and Rafa (maybe I should sleep more and let the crew sail?).

But these are not all the surprises that awaited me at Leg4 between Dash3 and Dash4.

A sharp turn at Dash3 and surprise, where does Rafa sailing? Fig.8

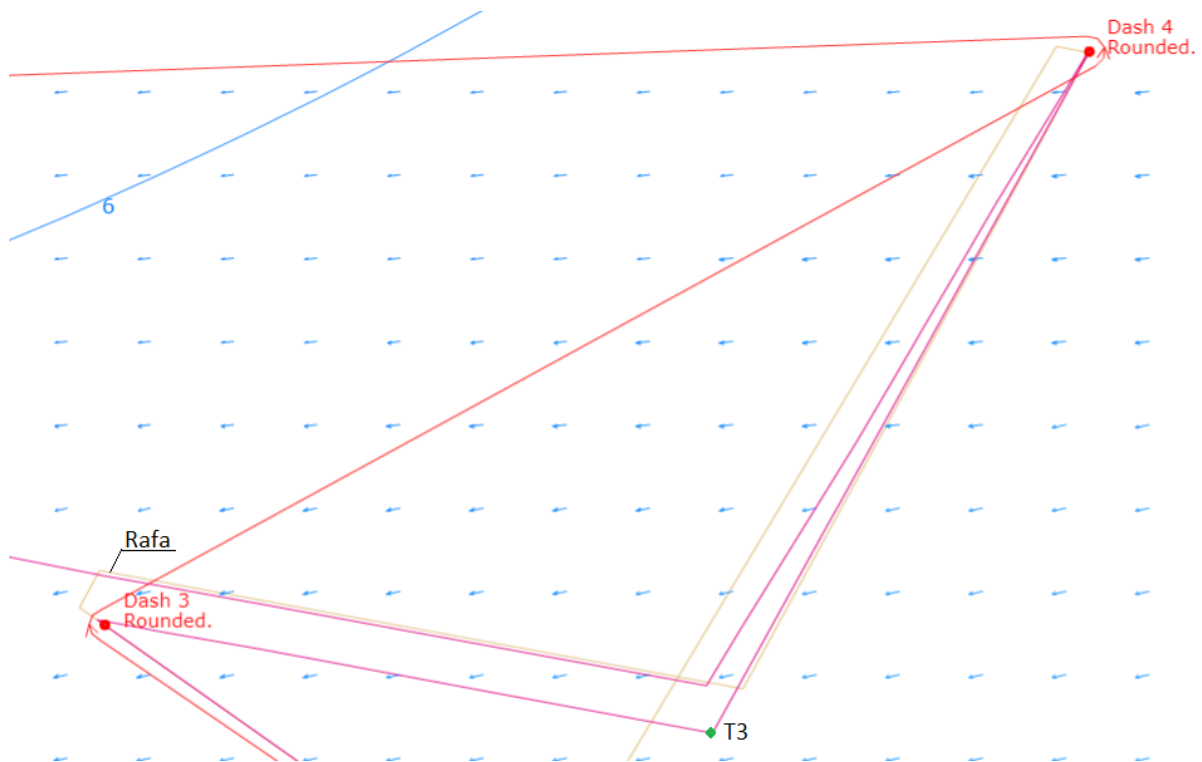


Fig.8

After passing T3, it became clear that Rafa was out of the podium. It seems to me that a failed course changing on Dash4 makes that Rafa completely give up the fight and sinks into "Big Blue".

I can understand this because I also have moments like that, but as hope dies, the last one dies.

Rafa gave me his second place and it was only necessary to bring it to the finish line.

The entire armada was sailing to Dash4. Here the last chords played out.

I planned a very sharp turn on Dash4, almost 180 degrees. I was very afraid of him because in this software it is difficult and unpredictable. A few times I managed to collapse on simpler turns. It is important that it does not throw me too far north. For safety, as one of you once advised me, I turned off viewing all yachts except my own. I was ready. As for me, the course changing was almost perfect. Only now I turned on the view of all the yachts again and I froze.

Kipper and Mouthansar went further west. Am I wrong again?

Wolff, Smo, Intermezzo and Bimmer went close to the mark and immediately to the south like me.

I thought that if it was my mistake, I can not to do anything anymore and the other position would still not be threatened. I checked everything again and decided on FinishA. I have determined the appropriate point T4 of the last course changing to the finish line.

A moment of relaxation and calmly saw what the rest of the players are planning. I thought about Wolff, who kept on my heels all the time and was so close, I felt that he was lurking for my second place. I wanted to protest against him for too close sailing and trying to overtake me, not in accordance with regulations, by taking away the wind by covering me with his sails. 🙄🙄.

After a moment my stupid thoughts must have given way to enormous concentration. Kipper did something absolutely unintelligible to me. Maybe he'll explain it to me someday. A lot before the point T4 designated by me, he make a turn taking course directly to FinishB. The surprise was all the greater because up to now the differences in our routes were not so great. In the wake of Kipper, went others Intermezzo, CollegeFund and Tyger.

Awesome nerves. Wolf, Smo, Batseba, Mouthansar went on following me. Fig.9

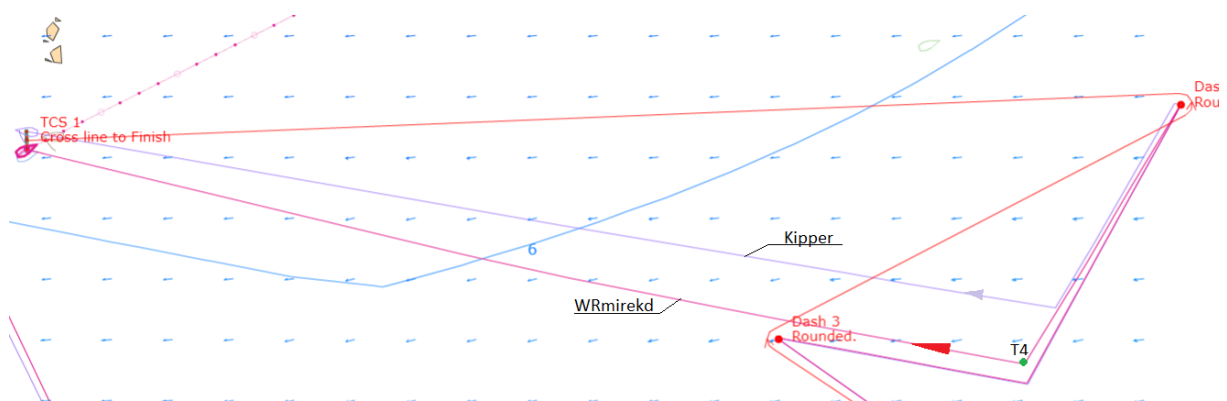


Fig.9

Is this my next mistake? More to the south there was a much better wind. It is true that with this south you had to be careful, what Mouthansar checked on his own, but also doing a wrong turn on Dash4. Fig.10

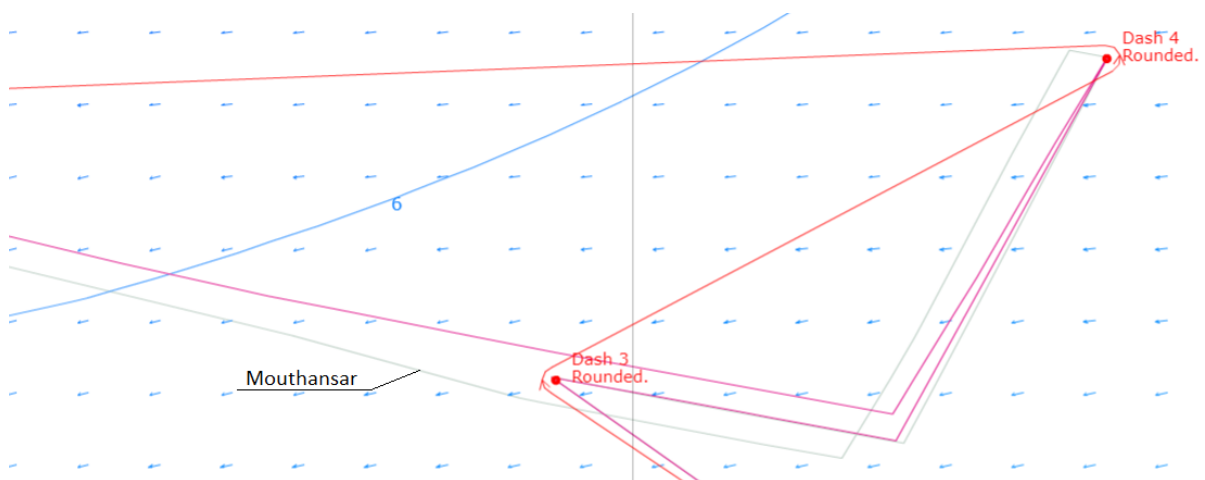


Fig.10

Knowing Kipper's tactics from previous races, I was quite sure that he would choose FinishA, and I be more careful not to make a turn earlier than he did.

I decided to consistently stick to my calculations and turn only at the previously designated point T4. Quick calculations indicated that there is a chance to catch up and overtake Kipper. However, it took me more than two hours to do so. Very nervous hours.

The final confirmation of the correctness of the calculations came less than 10 minutes before the finishing line.

I waited until the end until the server will show an appropriate message about the completion of the race and I will remain in the first position all the time. I dropped into an armchair and opened a beer that had been waiting for me for several hours. For my and your health, gentlemen.

Once again it turned out that despite initial failures and mistakes it is worth fighting to the end 😊.

I think I'm the master of horror lately. If it still will happen, it will nervously end me up.

I greet everyone very warmly.

WRmirekd

PS.

Wolff, however, I will not protest over you. Silently, I thought that you will be able to overtake Kipper too 😊.

Kipper, it was an amazing race for me. It is difficult to win with you, you are a very demanding opponent. My compliments.